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INVENTORYNational Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources DivisionWestin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO		5. ORIGINAL USE		7. CLASSIFICATION		9. RATING	
2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		6. PRESENT USE				10. DATE	
Tahoma Vista Comfort Station		Restroom				1931	
3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)				8. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING		11. REGION	
West Side Road N-110		Restroom					
4. CITY/VICINITY		COUNTY		STATE		SCALE 1:24 1:825 QUAD NAME	
Longmire		Pierce		Washington			

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Stone log and timber frame; 1 story; rectangular plan; medium pitched cedar shingle gable roof with projecting eaves and verges; vertical half log veneer and coursed rubble masonry exterior; front center entrances at each end; pivot windows; exposed ceilings; wood tongue and groove finish from ceiling to sill level; stucco applied to stone from sill to floor; concrete floor; concrete foundation.

This stone, log and timber frame building was constructed at Tahoma Vista by the National Park Service in 1931 to serve as a comfort station. Tahoma Vista, a scenic point along the West Side Road, was designed by the National Park Service, Western Region, Branch of Plans and Design, with Thomas C. Vint, Chief Architect. Associate Landscape Architect E.A. Davidson was extensively involved in supervising construction of the scenic overlook. This included the comfort station, stone parapet and retaining walls, and a "rustic" fountain. Design and construction of the comfort station was similar to several others built in the Public Auto Camps of Ohanapecosh, White River and Yakima Park (Sunrise). Whole log rafters and ridge beams were employed for the roofs. Half log veneers were applied under the eaves to window sill level. Stone walls were stepped from the foundation level to sill level. The Tahoma Vista Comfort Station, situated on a sloping hillside, was constructed with an extensive amount of stone. It remains largely unaltered; the bathroom fixtures and interior finish are original. Only the exposed, decorative whole log

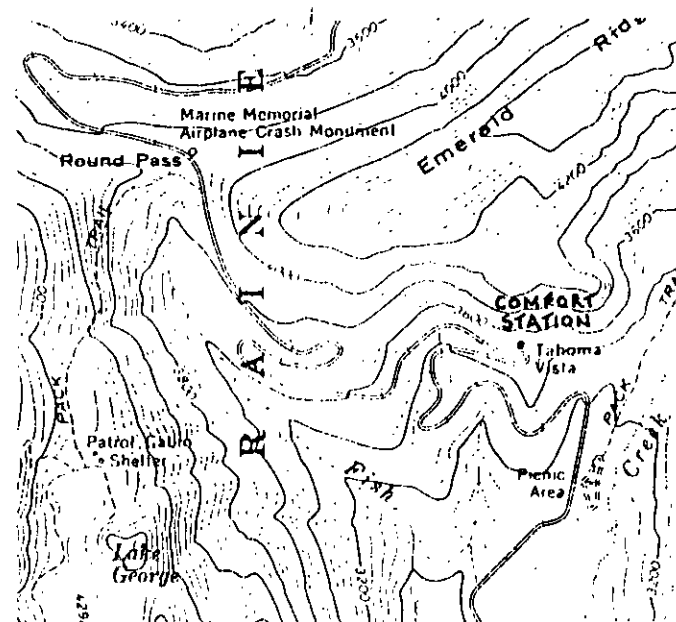
14. CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
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ridge beam has been removed. The comfort station measures 14' x 30'.

16. SIGNIFICANCE

This comfort station was built in conjunction with the West Side Highway's scenic Tahoma Vista point. Associate Landscape Architect E.A. Davidson of the National Park Service, Western Region in San Francisco, supervised construction of the scenic overlook.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES☐ NO☒ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☐ YES, LIMITED☒ YES, UNLIMITED☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

☐ NR☐ NHL☐ HABS☐ HAER-1☐ HAER☒ NPS☐ STATE☐ COUNTY☐ LOCAL☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-110, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park; Individual Building Data (with photo), prepared by K.L. Smith, 6/30/82.

Superintendents Monthly Report, 4 November 1931, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park.

Robert L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory (Denver, Colorado: NPS, 1976).

22. INVENTORIED BY

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AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resource Survey

DATE

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